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# Policy on ethical sourcing of food and supplies



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# Ethical sourcing of food and supplies Policy for Shoolini University

## I. Preamble

Shoolini University is committed to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through its Ethical sourcing of food and supplies Policy which makes Shoolini University a sustainable and environment friendly green campus. This Policy applies to all the operations and activities of the University including responsible production, consumption and waste management and all its operations and activities undertaken by the university. The University recognizes the importance of meeting legal requirements to manage the ethical sourcing of food and supplies.



Shoolini University's waste management policy is in line with United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal no. 12 "*responsible consumption and production*"

## II. Policy Goals

- Study on the estimations of the amount of food waste along the whole supply chain, comprising agricultural, post-harvest, processing, packaging, distribution and consumption waste, assessment of life cycle environmental impacts of the whole food supply chain.
- Develop rainwater harvesting network to meet water requirements during high demand. Identify locations within and in the vicinity of the institutional area to maximize the collection and storage of rainwater.
- Research into resistant crop varieties, pest control, better packing and transport, low-cost storage technologies and post harvesting solutions by modern technology for example nano-polymer coating for vegetables to increase the shelf life and nanopowder as pest control.
- Supply the harvested and stored rainwater to nearby localities to fulfil their water requirements and address the water scarcity issue.
- Recording of types and quantities of food waste discharges in the faculty and hostel mess.
- Having fewer options, serving special dishes that are more palatable, having trayless dining facilities, and reducing portion size can contribute to a reduction in plate waste
- Establishment of food testing labs for quality testing

### **III. Applicability**

This policy shall apply to all departments/extensions of Shoolini University including students, faculty, employees and public who will be encouraged to take initiatives for fulfilment of the policy objectives.

### **IV. Review**

Shoolini University fully incorporating sustainability into their operational systems, It will augment the supporting measures, including planning and administration, innovation and some indicators of operational sustainability such as food waste, water, and transportation. The integration of the SDGs in the operations of higher education institutes (HEIs) are of paramount importance. The Indian policymakers need to think about new roles for HEIs in supporting the achievement of the SDGs. The University Grants Commission (UGC), the senior policy-making body on higher education in India, has just announced a new policy framework Fostering Social Responsibility and Community Engagement in Higher Education Institutions in India (2019).